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Washington, DC 20528



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The Honorable John Dingell U.S. House of Representatives 2328 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Dingell:

I am responding on behalf of Secretary Chertoff to your February 21 letter on Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC) and National Bio and Agrodefense Facility (NBAF).

I understand from your Committee staff that the suspense is March 11 and not February 26 as specified in your letter. I have directed my staff to conduct records searches and provide the requested information as soon as practicable. I will provide you with an update on our progress by March 11.

I have sent a similar letter to Chairman Stupak.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed NBAF and in PIADC and for your service to the Committee and the Nation.

Sincerely,

Jay M. Cohen

Under Secretary for Science and Technology

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